

P.S. I believe that no. vessel has sailed for Jamaica from this port within the last month.

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New York. March. 16. 1847.

Dear bro. Phelps. Your first impression will be that of surprise - perhaps you will scold that this letter has not been sent by an earlier vessel. To give you its history would be impractical & unprofitable. It has been twice to Philada. & once to Boston, just too late each time to be forwarded by vessels going out from those ports. You will believe me if I say positively that it is not my fault, & that will do for the present. To-day it starts for Philada. for the 3rd. time, where Renshaw says there is a vessel up for Halmouth. If it gets off, I shall feel satisfied that the spell is broken. There is a beautiful bundle of papers in Mr. Suddie's office at Boston for you - perhaps they will reach you - if not, consign to our friends ~~in~~ in Jamaica to be divided among them when they arrive. The notice in your letter of the 10th. ult. to Mr. Jappan, makes it doubtful whether I shall send you any more papers: but we will try to take good care of them for you till you get home, if indeed it be the will of God that we shall see you here once more.

Our friends here are well as usual. My son is still confined to his bed, & on Sabbath last, underwent the operation of Japping, discharging about 3 Gallons of the despical fluid.

The enclosed scrap came from J. R. Johnson at Binghampton, N. Y. this morning. But my time is up, & I fear to risk the loss of me day. May an heavenly friend preserve you & bring you back to us in better health. Yours truly

Wm. W. Arnold.